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ZAMBIAN VIEWS

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1. MISOFF DISCUSSED VARIETY OF NAM SUBJECTS WITH ZAMBIAN
COUNSELLOR KASUKA MUTUKWA APRIL 18. MUTUKWA BEGAN BY
DESCRIBING THE INCENTIVES FOR THIRD WORLD STATES TO BELONG
TO THE NAM AS A KIND OF "PUSH-PULL" RELATIONSHIP. STATES
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WERE PUSHED TOWARD THE NAM BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN NEED FOR
IDENTIFICATION AND THEIR WISH TO AVOID ISOLATION IN AN
INCREASINGLY COMPLEX WORLD. THE NAM WAS A "CLUB" WHERE
ONE COULD EXPECT A SYMPATHETIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF
COMMON INTEREST. THE "PULL" ON STATES TO JOIN THE NAM
WAS THE PROSPECT OF INCREASING THEIR BARGAINING LEVERAGE
BY OPERATING UNDER A WIDER CONSENSUS. BOTH INDIVIDUAL

STATES AND REGIONAL GROUPS FOUND CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGE IN EXPRESSING THEIR NATIONAL VIEWS THROUGH THE WIDER CONSENSUS OF THE NAM.

2. FUTURE OF THE NAM: ECHOING THE VIEWS OF TUNISIAN MISSION NAM OFFICER (REFTEL) MUTUKWA SAID THAT THE NAM VERY CLEARLY WAS IN THE PROCESS OF SEARCHING FOR A NEW MEANING AND OF REDEFINING ITS CONSENSUS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGING CONDITIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT IN THE LONG TERM THE NAM WOULD FOCUS INCREASINGLY ON SOCIAL AND INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ON VARIOUS KINDS OF INTERNAL COOPERATION. IT WOULD OF COURSE MAINTAIN ITS ACTIVITY ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GROUP OF 77 NEEDED TO BE REDEFINED. THE NAM WAS NOW WORKING ON "MEASURES" TO INCREASE ITS DEGREE OF COOPERATION WITH THE G-77. AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS WORKING TO INCREASE THE COHESIVENESS OF NAM LOBBYING EFFORTS WITHIN THE G-77. MUTUKWA REPEATED A VIEW HEARD FROM OTHER NAM REPRESENTATIVES HERE THAT THE "POLITICAL" ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE NAM AND THAT THE NAM SHOULD CONTINUE TO "GIVE GUIDANCE" AND "INITIATE" MAJOR THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC STRATEGIES.

- CUBA: MUTUKWA INSISTED THAT NO NAM STATE, NO MATTER HOW ACTIVIST, COULD DIRECT THE MOVEMENT FOR ITS OWN PAROCHIAL AIMS. HE DOWNPLAYED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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INORDINATE CUBAN CONTROL OVER THE NAM. HE GUESSED THAT, IN KABUL, THERE WOULD BE NO FORMAL EFFORT TO CENSURE CUBA OR TO QUESTION CUBAN NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS. ON THE OTHER HAND, MUTUKWA DOUBTED THAT THE CUBANS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL SHOULD THEY TRY TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF PUERTO RICO. MUTUKWA THOUGHT THAT THE HAVANA SUMMIT WOULD INDEED TAKE PLACE AND THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE FAIRLY WELL ATTENDED, ALTHOUGH SOME CONSERVATIVE NAM STATES MIGHT BOYCOTT THE MEETING. REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAM, MUTUKWA SAID THAT THE CRITERION OF NOT BELONGING TO ANY MILITARY ALLIANCE WAS STILL FIRM. OTHER CRITERIA, HOWEVER, SUCH AS NOT BEING HOST TO FOREIGN BASES, HAD FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE. NAM STATES WERE NOW MUCH MORE FREE TO ASSOCIATE WITH WHOM THEY WISHED: "LIVE AND LET LIVE," AS HE PUT IT.

- US REACTION TO THE NAM: MUTUKWA SUGGESTED THAT THE US BE MORE RELAXED ABOUT THE NAM. WHILE IT WAS TRUE, HE SAID, THAT THE NAM REGARDED THE SOVIETS AS BEING SYMPATHETIC AND THE US AS BEING AN OBSTACLE ON MANY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE NAM, IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR AMERICANS TO VIEW THE NAM AS GUIDED OR INSPIRED BY THE SOVIETS. HE INSISTED THAT THE NAM REACHED ITS CONSENSUS

POSITIONS ON DISARMAMENT, DECOLONIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT
QUITE INDEPENDENT OF SOVIET SUGGESTION. NAM STATES
FOUND IT CURIOUS IF NOT A TRIFLE INSULTING THAT SOME
AMERICANS SEEMED TO REGARD THE NAM AS INCAPABLE OF
INDEPENDENT POLITICAL THOUGHT. THE US, HE ENDED, SHOULD
REGARD ITS DIFFERENCES WITH THE NAM AS THE RESULT OF
SUBSTANTIVE POLICY DISAGREEMENTS WHICH COULD AND SHOULD
BE DISCUSSED IN A RATIONAL WAY -- AND NOT AS IDEOLOGICAL
ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES. YOUNG

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